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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

COMMUNISTS GAIN IN ITALIAN REGIONAL ELECTIONS

WITH MORE THAN 96 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN, EMBASSY ROME REPORTED THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAD WON 35.2 PERCENT (DOWN 3.2 PERCENT FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN 1972) AND THE COMMUNISTS 33.5 PERCENT (UP 5.2 PERCENT). (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 8608, 6/16.

2. CONTINUED TENSIONS WILL PUSH PORTUGAL FURTHER LEFT

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT TENSIONS ARE INCREASING AGAIN AS A RESULT OF THE UNDIGESTED ELECTION OUTCOME, PARTY PROBLEMS, ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, AND EVENTS IN ANGOLA AND THE AZORES.

--MOUNTING PROBLEMS HAVE LEFT AFM LEADERS CONFUSED, DIVIDED, AND ANGRY; THEIR REVOLUTION HAS CLEARLY RUN OUT OF STEAM.

--ALLIANCES AMONG THE LEADERSHIP ARE SHIFTING AND SUBJECT TO THE VICISSITUDES OF THE MOMENT.

--ALL LEADERS ARE VULNERABLE IN SOME DEGREE.

THE RADICAL LEFTIST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO ABOLISH OR OTHERWISE DOWNGRADE THE PARTIES AND ESTABLISH DIRECT MILITARY RULE WITH, AS THE COMMUNISTS HAVE ALREADY POSITED, A PLACE FOR THEIR ACTIVISTS OUTSIDE THE FORMAL PARTY STRUCTURE.

--THE AFM LEADERSHIP IS CONSTRAINED BY THE CLEAR MESSAGE FROM THE EUROPEANS THAT WITHOUT DEMOCRACY THERE WILL BE NO AID. MOREOVER, THE AFM FEARS DIRECT INTERVENTION BY THE EUROPEANS OR BY THE US-PERHAPS THROUGH SPAIN.

--SOARES AND THE SOCIALISTS ARE THE PRIME TARGET OF THE AFM LEFT.

ON BALANCE, THE OUTLOOK IS FOR A LIMITED MOVE TO THE LEFT, DIMINUTION OF THE CIVILIAN POLITICAL ROLE, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIGH-LEVEL LEADER-SHIP CHANGES. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 3361, 6/16.

3. NATO: THE PORTUGUESE SECURITY PROBLEM

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DIRECTOR ROWELL IN BRUSSELS THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT
NATO SECURITY IN PORTUGAL IS A SHAMBLES. ABIDIAN SAID:

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--THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO MATO, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, HAS URGED HIM TO RETURN TO LISBOURTH COMPLETE A FINAL PROCESSION OF THAT THE PROBOTO 300030033-3
PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF MATO DOCUMENTS MAY BE LIFTED.

--WITH SYG LUNS' CONCURRENCE, ABIDIAN DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO, SINCE HE COULD NOT RECOMMEND LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS.

--FOLLOWING THE RECENT NATO SUMMIT, THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR CONFIDED TO ABIDIAN THAT, AFTER LISTENING TO GONCALVES? RETINUE, HE WAS CONVINCED ANY ONE OF THEM COULD BE A KGB AGENT.

ABIDIAN BELIEVES THAT FAILURE TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS—OR ADDING NEW RESTRICTIONS—FOLLOWING A NEW SECURITY SURVEY COULD PRECIPITATE A CRISIS WITH THE PORTUGUESE. (SECRET) NATO 3292, 6/16 (EXDIS).

4. CYPRUS: THE UNSC DEBATE

USUN REPORTS THAT IN THE JUNE 16 SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS:

--CLERIDES SAID THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD GIVE NEGOTIATIONS ONE MORE TRY, AND WOULD CONSIDER A SOLUTION ON THE BASIS OF A BICOMMUNAL FEDERATED STATE; BUT

--HE URGED THAT IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NEXT REPORT SHOWED NO PROGRESS, WALDHEIM SHOULD CONSIDER NEW WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

--TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE CHELIK CHASTISED CLERIDES FOR CONDUCTING ANTI-TURK PROPAGANDA AND PROMOTED DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL FOR A "JOINT TRAN-SITIONAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USUN 3054, 6/16 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3055, 6/16.

5. SAUDIS UNHAPPY OVER US ARMS SUPPLY

IN A MEETING HE DESCRIBES AS UNPRECEDENTED IN HIS MIDDLE EAST EXPERIENCE, AMBASSADOR AKINS WAS APPRISED OF SAUDI DISAPPOINTMENT WITH US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. DISTURBED AND DISTRAUGHT, PRINCE FAHD TOLD AKINS:

--THE US MUST DECIDE WHETHER IT INTENDS TO HELP SAUDI ARABIA WITH ITS MILITARY DEVELOPMENT; IF NOT, FRANCE AND BRITAIN ARE READY TO STEP IN.

--IT HAS BEEN ALL DOWNHILL SINCE THE ENCOURAGING PROMISES HE HEART IN A BEING STUDIED WHILE AT THE BT. THE BT.

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SAME TIME THE US COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL SEEMS TO BE GROWING.

--ACCUS**ED OF BEING A US AGENT, HE FINDS THE SAUDI** RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US BECOMING AN EMBARRASSMENT.

FAHD SAID THAT IN HIS TRAVELS ABROAD HE IS SOMETIMES ASHAMED TO BE A SAUDI SINCE, WHILE SAUDI ARABIA IS THE SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR OTHER MILITARY MACHINES, THE SAG'S FORCES ARE TEN TO TWENTY YEARS BEHIND THOSE OF THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY SYRIA AND JORDAN. HE DOES NOT INTEND THAT THE STATE OF THE SAUDI ARMED FORCES CONTINUE TO AMUSE ITS NEIGHBORS.

--MOTING THAT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE SAG'S OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN THE US, HE SAID THAT WHETHER THIS TREND CONTINUES DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON THE COURSE OF US-SAUDI RELATIONS.

--WHAT THE SAG REQUIRES IS A FORCE NOT ONLY CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITS NORTHERN FRONTIER, BUT ALSO OF ASSURING THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF NEIGHBORING STATES IN THE PENINSULA.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: UNDOUBTEDLY CONCERNED ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF THE US-SAUDI ARMS RELATIONSHIP, FAHD'S FEELING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SOME KIND OF VISIBLE, HIGH-IMPACT MILITARY ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY PRESSURES WITHIN THE SAG FOLLOWING REVELATIONS OF THE ARMS BRIBES IN THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) JIDDA 4337, 6/16.

6. TURKEY DEFERS ACTION ON BASES FOR THIRTY DAYS

CHARGE BERGUS TELEPHONED THE WATCH AT 0447 TO REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL HAD CALLED HIM IN TO INFORM HIM THAT:

--TURKEY PLANS NO ACTION AGAINST THE US MILITARY PRESENCE AT THIS TIME.

--HOWEVER, FOLLOWING A THIRTY DAY GRACE PERIOD, THE GOT WISHES TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS COVERING THE ENTIRE US-TURKISH MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

THE TEXT OF THE GOT MOTE AND A SEPARATE CABLE REPORTING
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS WILL BE TRANSMITTED FLASH
TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER
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